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Kanjirapuzha Irrigation Project, Malabar.

* 260 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any work has begun in connexion with the Kanjirapuzha Irrigation Project in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the work now going on and how many are working there?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) No work is going on now."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Have the Government recommended the scheme for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. This has been recommended along with seven other schemes. This is third in priority and we are expecting sanction from the Planning Commission."

Misappropriation of funds in the Karaikudi Co-operative Stores.

11-40 a.m. * 261 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaints were made to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies against one Mr. Swamikannu Pillai, Secretary, Karaikudi Co-operative Stores, about the misappropriation of Rs. 10,000 by the said Secretary;

(*b*) whether, on the receipt of the complaint, the Registrar instead of taking action against Mr. Swamikannu Pillai, transferred the Deputy Registrar of Ramanathapuram and posted one Mr. Singararaju Pillai (Christian) in his place;

(*c*) whether the Deputy Registrar subsequently dropped proceedings against Mr. Swamikannu Pillai, and if so, why;

(*d*) whether the amount said to have been misappropriated was recovered; and

(*e*) if so, from whom?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Sri A. Singararaju Pillai was posted as Deputy Registrar, Ramanathapuram, when Sri M. Kalyanam Iyer, the then Deputy Registrar, retired from service.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) & (*e*) To recover the amounts from the persons who have misappropriated them, the Stores has filed arbitration references before the Deputy Registrar. They are pending disposal."